



# George Barrow

- George Hodgkinson Barrow was born in **1779**.
- He was a solicitor living in Southwell.
- George married Elizabeth Mather Lowe in **1805**.
- Elizabeth's father, Walter Mather, had been the owner of the Staveley Forge and Iron Works since 1783. Walter died in 1796 and George gained a share in the forge.
- He quickly found that the forge was poorly managed and in debt.
- Although he didn't want to leave his job as a solicitor he decided to take over the management of the family business.
- In **1815** George took over the ground leases from the Duke of Devonshire and assumed sole responsibility for the works.
- By 1840 George was a major figure in the coal and iron industry.
- He died in **1853**.
- He is buried in the same tomb as his brother, Richard Barrow, at the side of Staveley Church Tower.

